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Allegheny NF temporarily closing the Scenic Loop ATV Trail

Warren, Pa. (Feb. 25, 2015) –The Allegheny National Forest is temporarily closing the Scenic Loop on the Marienville ATV trail beginning on February 26, 2015 to complete a shelterwood regeneration project near the trail. Because of weather conditions, it is unknown at this time how long the project will take to complete.

Riders entering the system from the Marienville trailhead will need to turn right at the 4-way intersection and follow the pipeline west. Riders also need to be aware of the potential for heavy truck traffic and ride with caution.

Riding the ATV trails requires a permit, which can be purchased at any of the Allegheny National Forest offices. Cost is \$10 for a day permit or \$35 for an annual permit. Applications can be obtained at any ANF office or by going online:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/allegheny/passes-permits>

The Forest's snowmobile trails are also open and the trail condition report is updated every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Trail information can be found by either:

- Logging on the Allegheny's website: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/allegheny/> . The report is posted on the "quick links" section on the right side of the page
- Calling 814.723.5150 and selecting option 2, then following the prompts.

Please use caution when on any of the trails, as many are open for multiple uses, and you may encounter vehicles, groomers, snowshoers, and skiers at any time. In addition, remember that the trails that are designated for both snowmobiles and ATV use are only open for snowmobile use at this time.

For more information about recreational activities on the Allegheny National Forest:

- Allegheny National Forest website: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/allegheny/home>
- Bradford Ranger District: 814.362.4613
- Marienville Ranger District: 814.927.6628

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